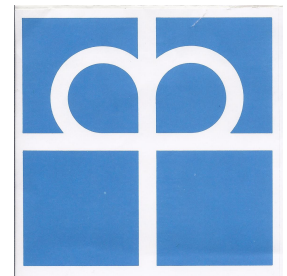


Youth Migration Service Luebeck

Special Service for young people with migration background

Jugendmigrationsdienst Luebeck

Fachdienst fuer junge Menschen mit Migrationshintergrund



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Most of the young migrants being advised by the JMD come to Germany **without any, or with unrealistic ideas and information** about their new life in Germany.

Since 1989 the YOUTH MIGRATION SERVICE / JUGENDMIGRATIONS DIENST LUEBECK (JMD), part of the Gemeindediakonie Luebeck gGmbH (a social institution of the Protestant Church in Luebeck) helps young migrants aged between 12 and 26 from all over the world, and gives advice and provides assistance with all questions in their daily life during their integration¹. The JMD mediates in special problems between migrants and other offices, institutions and special services. In addition, they try to improve capabilities and resolve problems to give migrants the same chances as native citizens and to further understand and tolerate each other.²)

The JMD Luebeck consists of five professional social workers (Dipl.-Sozialpaed./-Sozialarb.) and several volunteers offering free educational help.

The professional social workers help **approximately 500 young migrants per year** from all over the world as well as migrants from the second and third generation of migrant families in Germany, who still have aggravating integration problems.



Here they are confronted with a completely different social system, educational system and a different culture in school and profession and their normal lives. This is what they and their parents are most afraid of and feel **completely helpless**. In addition they **struggle with the German language**.

In this situation the JMD act like a **pilot for young migrants**. In our **case management**, we don't sign contracts with the migrants, but we systematically build them up from the beginning. During our regular office hours, we start by providing **information about their possibilities in Germany** and then make a **plan of their future**, containing every step, from language course to school and vocational training. This plan is divided into **manageable steps**, which works best when we are able to **build up their confidence**, and „**the success of small steps**“ motivates them to succeed.

¹) The special service of the JMD exists since the early years after World War II., firstly called „Jugendgemeinschaftswerke“ (JGW). In that time it was their job to help young German people who had to leave their homes in the states of eastern Europe (Romania, Russia, Ukraine as well as Poland, which was a part of Germany until the end of World War II) and of the Asiatic part of the USSR (especially Kazakhstan) because of World War II and its mostly negative consequences for their daily life. All the years until today those young people and in the meantime other young migrants from all over the world find **faithful advice, assistance and information by the JGW / JMD**, who offer this special service by order and mainly financial assistance of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG).

²) The service of the JMD Luebeck conceptionally bases on the principles and conceptions for the work of Youth Migration Services (JMD) in Germany given by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG):

• Website of the Ministry of Family Affairs, Seniors, Women and Youth:

http://www.bmfsfj.de/RedaktionBMFSFJ/Abteilung5/Pdf-Anlagen/grunds_C3_A4tze-programm-18-stand05.property=pdf,bereich=,rwb=true.pdf

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The JMD continuously works closely with migrants, which allows them to prepare the **admission of migrants' foreign school reports and certificates of vocational training** for the federal ministry of education in Schleswig-Holstein and other responsible institutions. **We accompany them** to their schools, language courses, institutions of vocational training or to the vocational guidance of the Labour Exchange Office.

To allow migrants to have optimal integration the JMD organises with the **support from volunteers** additional educational help with school work and language courses in both English and German, as well as so called "**language partnerships**"³⁾, where native people meet migrants to help them learn German by talking to them.

As a result of the JMD's **intensive individual case management and attendance** in each migrant's life, from when they begin their new life in Germany during a long lasting time, they can help them with social and professional skills and help them avoid negative influences.

Another very important aspect of the JMD is the **active cooperation in several social and political groups and networks**, which prepares a good atmosphere for migrants and natives on higher summits. In addition the JMD has **good connections** with several language courses, courses of the Labour Exchange Office and other institutions. The **long lasting personal faithfulness** of the professional social workers at the JMD takes **positive effect on the continuous relationship** with those partners.

In addition the JMD **advises further offices, institutions and special services, and answers questions relating to intercultural problems and how to deal with migrants. Integration is a long process.** The JMD has been asked to undertake their role with patience, and to react to new developments and questions with a flexible approach, while actively helping the migrants as well as native people to live together in harmony.

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³⁾ see also <https://www.gemeindediakonie-luebeck.de/migration-integration/projekt-sprachpartnerschaften.html>